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முள்ள நெசவாளர்களுக்கு அவர்களுடைய அத்தாட்சி பெற்ற சங்கங்கள் மூலமாக வினியோகம் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று ஏற்பாடு செய்திருக்கிறோம். பாங்குகளில் கடன் கொடுக்கக்கூடாது என்று சொல்லுவது சரியல்ல.

Zonal distribution of electrical energy

* 287 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any scheme from the Government of India for Zonal distribution of electrical energy;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) the views of the Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer[a] placed on the table of the House.

Direct headlights

* 288 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN and Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the use of ' direct headlights ' in all motor vehicles in the City of Madras is prohibited;

(*b*) the directions, if any, issued as to how the headlights should be covered; and

(*c*) the measures taken to enforce the same?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) *to* (*c*) Headlights which dazzle the drivers of other vehicles are an obvious source of inconvenience and danger which may lead to accidents. Therefore, under existing provisions of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, the high beam of the headlights should not be used and the beam should be kept deflected downwards by means of the dipping device that is fitted on all motor vehicles. It is only the high beam of the headlights and not the dipped beam that is prohibited under the rules. Action is being taken to enforce this provision in the interests of safer traffic within the limits of the City, by giving due publicity through mikes in the Traffic Propaganda vans and exhibition of slides in all cinema theatres in the City.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know how many accidents occurred due to the use of ' direct headlights '?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : I have no specific figures about this.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know how many were prosecuted for violation of these rules and how many were punished?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH : I do not have the information.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 281–282 infra.